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Back to Sleep Yet?

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It has been more than 7 months since the tragedy at Umpqua Community College. After the event UCC immediately asked for LCC Public Safety and later an armed deputy to bring a sense of security and safety back to that traumatized campus.

In a very short period, a golf-cart driving, frequently-other-tasked, Security Department transitioned into an armed deputy.

There can be no doubt that UCC could not have predicted that they would be the scene of such a horrific event. Out of this tragedy, however, we can learn some very valuable lessons about where the rubber meets the road.

Lesson Number One: It can Happen Here



The violence of active shooters has penetrated elementary schools, office buildings, businesses, government offices, colleges, universities, malls, military bases, movie theaters... and just about every other venue one can imagine.

It is a sad but real fact that active shooter incidents can happen anywhere and at any time. Individuals that deny these facts should join the birthers, the flat-earth society, and the climate change deniers. While we can do a limited

LCC Public Safety shows support for Umpqua Community College

amount of predictive modeling for specific individuals, often those subjected to the violence are random and have no idea, "Why" they are being harmed.

It is a sad commentary on our free society that the price of an open society, in a country where mental health issues outpace resources to address them, is the vulnerability that each of us face from this threat.

That is not alarmist or defeatist rhetoric, just commentary on the state of affairs today.

Lesson Number Two: Trained, Armed Responders are Most Effective at Stopping Such a Threat

During such attacks the most efficient and effective response is an armed, trained responder. Please note, that this is not the *only* response, but it is often the best response.

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Witness UCC's quick evolution to adopt such a response for future incidents.

Armed, trained responders frequently eliminate the threat, cause the threat to self-eliminate, or capture the threatening individual.

Can an unarmed responder defeat an Active Shooter?



Absolutely! It is entirely possible. But such engagements are often sparked by desperation, not by preference. Indeed, the, "Run, Hide, Fight" strategy is a strategy of last resort and

fighting is only encouraged if no other options are available.

Please note that this lesson requires both **armed** and **trained** individuals. There have been active shooter incidents where civilians legally carrying firearms chose not to engage shooters fearing for their safety and/or their level of training and preparedness.

One thing that civilians cannot appreciate is the warrior mindset that many law enforcement officials have developed. It is not enough to have a gun and know how to use it. It is the confidence, training, tactics, and courage of officers as they apply these skills, ability, and knowledge to an extremely dangerous situation.



Violent Actor response training

Lesson Number Three: Active Shooters Really Do Not Care Whether You Like Guns or Not



It is not political exploitation to re-state these facts after an active shooter tragedy. For the record, shooters do not care about your like or dislike of firearms. Their objective is simply to kill as many people as possible before they are stopped.

With these facts in mind combined with Lessons Number One and Two, it is obvious what the ideal preparation for an active shooter is and that such a response supersedes the love, hate, or political ideations about firearms. Remember, active shooters do not care how YOU feel about guns.

Lessons learned? Good. Now are we back to sleep yet?

Weeks or months go by and each day that passes without an active shooter event is a happy day. Complacency grows just a bit, it is easy to forget Lesson Number One and to lose the sense of urgency or importance of Lessons Two and Three.

For several months after the shooting, LCC Public Safety conducted numerous site surveys and violent actor trainings. Attendance reach about 500 individuals in the five months after the UCC incident. This outpaced and nicely complimented previous efforts to train persons at LCC.

Now, as the UCC event grows more distant, there are fewer requests for training and even for security assessments for college areas. (Article continues on page 3)

(continued from page 2) In addition, there has been a lot of “talk” but little change with regards to Lessons Two and Three. This, unfortunately, is the real tragedy of the current state of affairs at LCC.

In spite of joint training with other agencies and the FBI, facilitated, hosted discussions led by the FBI, drills, and work with other agencies, LCC is still dependent on other agencies for an armed response.

This means that **every moment** armed, trained responders are not able to immediately respond to the threat of an active shooter, more people will die.

There are lots of reasons that have been provided as to why LCC must wait, or entertain processes, or start dialogues with other levels of government to increase campus safety in this fundamental way. But, the sense is that the inevitable drowsiness that comes from a diminished sense of urgency is slowly pervading the conversation and the community.

Therefore, the title of this article and the question for the LCC Community is, “Back to sleep yet...”?



OFFICERS YOU SHOULD KNOW



Corporal Michael Schneider was born in Eugene and raised in Junction City. Cpl. Schneider graduated Junction City High School and enlisted in the United States Army. Cpl. Schneider served as a Calvary Scout until 1998. Schneider received an honorable discharge and worked as a corrections deputy with the Lane County Sheriff's Office. Schneider attended and successfully graduated the Oregon Department of Public Safety Standards and Training (DPSST) Corrections Academy. In 2001, Schneider began his career as a part time officer with the Lane Community College Department of Public Safety. After a competitive process, Schneider transitioned to a full time position. In 2012 Schneider was promoted to a Technical Corporal. In 2015, Schneider was promoted to a full Corporal and successfully graduated the

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Cpl. Schneider currently serves in the command staff for the Technical Services Unit, Bicycle Patrol Unit, and the Vehicle Services Unit. Cpl. Schneider earned an Associate's Degree from Lane Community College in Computer User Support. Schneider has extensive knowledge in the technical services field and routinely innovates computer based solutions for the day to day operations of the Public Safety Department. In his free time Cpl. Schneider enjoys hunting, swimming, learning more computer skills, and spending time with his wife and children.



Calls for Service

*SELECT CASES FROM APRIL, 2016

<p>April 01</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Officers responded to a report of a disorderly student in building 5. Officers deescalated the situation and resolved the conflict. • Officer assisted the Lane County SO with civil service process • Officer contacted a subject trespassing at the old downtown campus. The subject was served with a trespass notice and escorted off the property. • Officer contacted a group of drunk and disorderly subjects outside of the downtown residence. Officer advised group on trespass and seized open containers. 	<p>April 07</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Officers conducted a traffic stop on a reckless driver. The driver was issued multiple citations including driving while suspended and possessing an open container. • Officer issued verbal trespass notice to a subject trespassing outside of the downtown academic building • Officer conducted a traffic stop on a reckless driver that almost cause a three car collision. The driver was issued a citation.
<p>April 02</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Officer responded to a report of a medical emergency at the downtown academic building <p>April 03</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Officers responded with Goshen FD for a fire sprinkler alarm activation in building 6. The alarm was found to be erroneous. • Officer responded to a report of a water utility emergency at the downtown KLCC building. Officer contacted FMP who resolved the issue. 	<p>April 08</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Officer assisted the Lane County SO with restraining order process • Officer conducted welfare check of a female subject in mental crisis at the downtown academic building. CAHOOTS was requested • Officer assisted the health clinic with an ambulance lead in • Officer observed a reckless driver in the area of the old downtown campus. The Eugene PD responded to assist.
<p>April 04</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Officers responded to a report of harassment occurring in the center building. Officers separated the parties and cleared with information on ongoing stalking case. • Officer took a report from the suspect in an alleged stalking incident between classmates. The victims involved did not contact Public Safety. • Officers assisted the University of Oregon PD with an alleged stalking incident that involved an LCC student. The report was later found to be unsubstantiated. 	<p>April 09</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Officers observed DUII driver. Officers contacted Lane County SO. Driver was arrested. <p>April 10</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Officers responded to a report of a stolen vehicle dumped in lot L. Officers verified the vehicle and conducting follow up investigation with the originating agency.
<p>April 05</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Officers responded to a medical emergency in building 18 • Officers responded to a report of a llama causing a roadway hazard on Gonyea Road. At the request of the Lane County Sheriff's Office, DPS officers located the owner and coordinated the return of the llama. 	<p>April 11</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Officer conducted a traffic stop in lot B. The driver was issued multiple citations including failure to carry and present an ID, driving while suspended, and failure to obey traffic control devices.
<p>April 06</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Officer took a report of an alleged familial domestic abuse incident that occurred at the cottage grove campus. Officer made referral to the Department of Human Services. • Officers responded to a report of two suspicious subjects in the area of building 9. Officers conducted field interview and advised the subjects of relevant college policies. 	<p>April 12</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Officer took a report of a vehicle roll out with damage to college property in lot L. The parking brake was not engaged • Officer took a report of a vehicle roll out in lot C. The parking brake appeared to be engaged. • Officer conducted a follow up investigation regarding a near accident that occurred in the area of 30th avenue and McVay highway. Officer identified the suspect involved and will conduct an interview at a later date • Officers conducted an ambulance lead in for the health clinic • Officers responded to a report of a female menacing a housekeeper in the center building. Officers interviewed the suspect and issued a trespass notice.

<p>April 13</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Officers responded to a report of a medical emergency in the center building. Goshen FD and Eugene/Springfield FD responded as well. Officer took a report of a theft of her cell phone that occurred in building 16 	<p>April 21</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Officers responded to a report of a subject illegally camping on LCC property. Officers issued a trespass notice and seized illegal contraband. Officer assisted Eugene PD with welfare check of subject at the downtown residence Officer took a report of an alleged stolen cell phone in building 5. The phone was later located in building 1.
<p>April 14</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Officer contacted a subject trespassing in the downtown Titan Store restroom. The subject was issued a trespass notice and escorted off the property. Officer took a report of a wallet stolen from the Math Resource Center (MRC) Officers received a report of a suspicious subject in the cafeteria. The subject was gone on arrival. 	<p>April 22</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Officers responded to a possible sexual harassment incident in lot L. Officer separated the parties, took statements, and provided victim services information to the victim. Officer contacted a suspicious male subject outside the downtown academic building. Officer conducted a field interview and advised the subject on trespassing. Officers conducted follow up investigation on illegal camper.
<p>April 15</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Officers assisted a disabled motorist blocking traffic in lot A. Officers directed traffic and assisted the tow truck driver in removing the vehicle. Officer took a report of an unlawful entry into a motor vehicle in lot L. The Lane County SO referred a theft report to DPS officers. The theft was a wallet stolen from the Math Resource Center (MRC) <p>April 16</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Officers responded to a report of a sexual harassment that occurred at the downtown residence. DPS officers and EPD conducted an area check for the suspect. DPS officer provided resources to the victim. 	<p>April 25</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Command staff members conducted threat assessment on Cottage Grove campus in advance of a planned protest. No protesters arrived. <p>April 26</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Officer responded to a report of a theft at the downtown Titan Store. The suspect was gone on arrival. A BOLO for the suspect was generated. Officer took a report of a lost or possibly stolen cell phone. Officer took a cold report of a theft from the Titan Store. Officer pulled footage from area cameras and generated a BOLO for the suspects.
<p>April 18</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Officer observed a single vehicle accident on 30th avenue at the I-5 overpass. At the request of Lane County SO, officer remained on scene until deputies arrived. The driver was DUII. Officer contacted a subject engaging in public indecency at the downtown academic building. Officer conducted field interview and issued verbal warning. Officers responded to a report of a disorderly subject at the LTD bus station in lot B. Officers deescalated the subject, conducted a field interview, and escorted the subject off the property. 	<p>April 27</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Officer observed two suspicious vehicles on the west access road after hours. The vehicles were left the scene at a high rate of speed before the officer could initiate contact. Lane County SO requested that LCC officers responded to a report of a stranded motorist attempting to flag vehicles down in the area of Eldon Schafer and East 30th Avenue.
<p>April 19</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Officers responded to a medical emergency in building 11 Officer responded to a report of a violation of a stalking order. Officer contacted the Lane County SO and found that the order had not been served yet. Officer separated the parties and assisted the deputy in serving the order. Officer responded to the center building for a report of a lost wallet in the men's restroom. Due to location and lack of cash, the wallet was suspected to be stolen. Officer contacted the owner and lodged the property in a secure locker. 	<p>April 29</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Officer took a cold report on a theft from the downtown Titan Store. Officer pulled the camera footage of the area and generated a BOLO. Officer took a report on an alleged theft of a single psychology exam from the Social Science office. DPS officer assisted Eugene PD Animal Welfare Officer with an animal in distress call at the downtown residence. Officer took a report of an unlawful entry into a motor vehicle in lot L. A car stereo was stolen.
<p>April 20</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Officer responded to a medical emergency that occurred inner campus Officer responded to a report of a theft of boxes in the center building loading dock area. Officer advised the subjects who returned the boxes. 	<p>April 30</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Officer observed a possible male vs. female domestic dispute occurring in the alley north of the downtown residence. Officer responded with Eugene PD. The parties were separated and interviewed.

Safety Tip

Article by R. Williams

Unfortunately in the month of April, several campus community members were the victims of unlawful entries into their motor vehicles. In addition to the regular operations, Public Safety has increased targeted patrols of the lots surrounding campus but there are several proactive measures that the individual community member can take to reduce their risk of becoming victimized.

Some tips include:

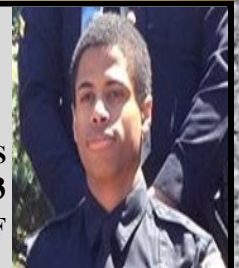
- **Avoid placing valuable items in plain view.** A bad actor may see a cell phone, laptop, or wallet in a vehicle and choose to target that vehicle.
- **Secure your doors.** Periodically a preliminary investigation will reveal that a bad actor gained entry to a vehicle simply by opening an unlocked door.
- **Utilize the “Club” or other auto anti-theft device.** With the doors locked, a club installed, and no valuables in view, the bad actor may decide that the vehicle is not worth the risk or challenge to gain entry. The club is available the Eugene Police Department substations for a nominal \$12.50 fee. The club has also been made available at the downtown and main campus Titan Stores.
- **Attempt to park in a high visibility area.** It is easier for a bad actor to spend an extended amount of time attempting to gain entry to a vehicle when it is in an extremely isolated area.
- **If you see something, say something.** The greatest asset that the college has is the community. There are hundreds of community members who travel through the lots on their way to their final destination. If one of those community members observes suspicious activity then they should report that information to the Public Safety Department at (541) 463-5558.



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